

English

What can I do with this degree?

In the past, people assumed that a person who majored in English was bound to become an English teacher. However, this resource demonstrates that there is an ever-increasing demand in business and other professions for people who are capable of intelligent, literate speech and writing. In fact, writing skills are one of the top factors employers look for in entry-level employees. English majors are now able to express their capabilities in assorted business, legal, public relations, writing, and other professional settings.



Skills

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| Creative Thinking | Analytical |
| Articulate Writing | Observative |
| Communicative | Organized |
| Reading Comprehension | Speaking |
| Active Listening | Critical Thinking |
| Editing | Complex Problem Solving |
| Influencing | Persuasion |
| Managing Information | Independent Thinking |
| Comparing/ Contrasting | Summarization |
| Gathering Information | Evaluating Results |
| Impeccable Language | Drafting |
| Synthesizing Information | |

Degrees Offered at Texas State University

Undergraduate Majors

- BA in English (Literature)
- BA in English with Secondary Teacher Certification
- BA in English with a Writing and Rhetoric emphasis

Undergraduate Minors

- English (Literature)
- Writing
- Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- Media Studies
- Southwestern Studies

Graduate Programs in English

- MA in Literature
- MA in Creative Writing
- MA in Technical Communication
- MA in Rhetoric and Composition

Career Paths

(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)

...in Education

Sample Job Titles

- Interpreter
- Translator
- Teacher
- Professor
- Visual Arts Specialist
- Researcher
- Lecturer
- Instructor
- Librarian

Possible Work Settings

- Research Center
- Universities
- Colleges
- Early Education
- Secondary Education

...in Publishing

Sample Job Titles

- Archivist
- Book Reviewer
- Journalist
- Magazine Editor
- Publisher
- Reporter

Possible Work Settings

- Organizational Magazines
- Publishing Companies
- Newspapers
- Trade Magazines
- Associational Magazines
- News Stations
- Television Networks

...in Public Relations

Sample Job Titles

- Public Relations Specialist
- Radio/ TV Coordinator
- Marketing Director/ Coordinator
- Personnel Officer
- Community Relations Director
- Human Resources Manager
- Human Resources General
- Human Resources Director

Possible Work Settings

- Advertising Agencies
- Colleges and Universities
- Government Agencies
- In-House Public Relations Departments
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Public Relations Firms
- Trade Associations

...in Writing and Editing

Sample Job Titles

- Book Editor
- Congressional Aide
- Writer (Books, Magazines, Scripts)
- Playwright
- Author
- Grant/ Proposal Writer
- Legal Assistant
- Copywriter
- Paralegal
- Proofreader

Possible Work Settings

- Law Firms
- Home Office
- Magazines
- Books
- Publishing Firms
- Directory Publishers
- Internet Service Providers
- Broadcast Companies
- Business and Professional Journals
- Technical and Trade Magazines



Student Organizations

- Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society, <http://www.english.txstate.edu/people-contacts/organizations/STD/AboutTxStSD.html>
- TXState Young Writers Program
- Medieval and Renaissance Society, <http://www.english.txstate.edu/people-contacts/organizations/medren.html>
- Media Moles

Professional Organizations

- National Council of English, www.ncte.org
- American Library Association, www.ala.org
- Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, www.tesol.org
- International Reading Association, www.reading.org
- Association of Writers & Writing Programs, www.awpwriter.org
- Conference on College Composition and Communication, www.ncte.org/cccc
- Council of Writing Program Administrators, www.wpacouncil.org
- East Central Writing Centers Association, www.ecwca.org
- International Writing Centers Association, www.writingcenters.org
- Modern Language Association, www.mla.org

Job Search Sites

- Freelance Writing, <http://www.freelancewriting.com/freelance-writing-jobs.php>
- Writers Resource Center, <http://poewar.com/>
- JournalismJobs, <http://journalismjobs.com/>
- Work-At-Home Jobs, <http://www.wahm.com/jobs.html>
- Online Writing Jobs, <http://www.online-writing-jobs.com/>
- Web Lens, <http://www.weblens.org/writers.html>

- The Write Jobs, <http://www.writejobs.com/jobs/>
- Writing-World, <http://www.writing-world.com/links/jobs.shtml>

Career Library Resources

- *Opportunities in Technical Writing Careers*, Jay R. Gould and Wayne A. Losano
- *Careers in Journalism*, Jan Goldberg
- *Careers in Writing*, Blythe Camenson
- *Vault Career Guide to Book Publishing*, Matt Manning and the Staff of Vault
- *Career Opportunities in Journalism*, Jennifer Bobrow Burns
- *Career Opportunities in the Publishing Industry*, Fred Yager and Jan Yager
- *Ferguson's Careers in Focus: Writing*, Ferguson Publishing Company
- *Ferguson's Careers in Focus: Publishing*, Ferguson Publishing Company
- *Ferguson's Careers in Focus: Broadcasting*, Ferguson Publishing Company

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